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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled:     **METHOD OF SUPPORT OF ENVIRONMENTALLY  
CONCERNED DESIGN OF MANUFACTURED GOODS, AND  
METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING RECYCLING  
SUPPORT INFORMATION**

Enclosed are:

1.     Specification, including 22 claims (pages 40, plus specification front page).
2.     9 Sheets of X Formal    Informal drawings showing Figs. 1-9.
3.     X Declaration and Power of Attorney (**executed**).
4.     Assignment of the invention to HITACHI, LTD.
5.     Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document   , filed in    on   .


**or**

6.     Certified copy of Priority Document 2001-10963 filed in Japan on January 19, 2001, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
7.     X Preliminary Amendment

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| Basic Fee                          |           |   |    |   |          | \$370/740 | = \$740.00      |
| Total Claims                       | <u>22</u> | - | 20 | = | <u>2</u> | x \$9/18  | = \$ 36.00      |
| Independent Claims                 | <u>5</u>  | - | 3  | = | <u>2</u> | x \$42/84 | = \$168.00      |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Presented |           |   |    |   |          | \$140/280 | = \$            |
| Total Filing Fee                   |           |   |    |   |          |           | <u>\$944.00</u> |

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